

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR COORDINATION OF THE CONNECTICUT ACCESS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

This Interagency Memorandum of Agreement for Coordination of the Connecticut Access to Recovery (ATR) Program is entered into as of the last day executed below, between the Commissioners of the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Children and Families (DCF), Correction (DOC), and Veteran Affairs (DVA), and the Executive Director of the Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division (CSSD).

**WHEREAS**, the federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Access to Recovery (ATR) grant calls for the development of state and community partnerships to expand access to a comprehensive array of clinical treatment and recovery support service options for persons with substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, active and sustained participation and state- and community-wide ownership of the program is essential to achieve the goals of the Connecticut ATR Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut ATR Program will be consistent with and promote implementation of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council's and the Connecticut Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut ATR Program, through a combination of culturally appropriate and recovery-oriented clinical treatment and recovery support services, will engage persons with substance use disorders, including individuals released from prison, individuals involved with CSSD's probation programs, individuals involved in the DCF and DMHAS Project Substance Abuse Family Evaluation (SAFE), and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has directed the aforementioned state agencies and requested that the Judicial Branch cooperate in the planning, development, and implementation of the Connecticut ATR Program to build multi-system partnerships, organizational structure, and mechanisms that will successfully assist persons with substance use disorders achieve the following: 1) Sustained recovery; 2) Community re-integration; 3) Employment; and 4) Housing stability.

**WHEREAS**, the below parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement as follows:

- A. For the Department of Children and Families, CT General Statutes section 17a-6;
- B. For the Department of Correction, CT General Statutes section 4-8;
- C. For the Judicial Branch, CT General Statutes section 54-123a;
- D. For the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, CT General Statutes section 17a-451;
- E. For the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA), CT General Statutes section 27-103

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the Commissioners of DMHAS, DCF, DOC, and DVA, and the Executive Director of the Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division (CSSD) agree to:

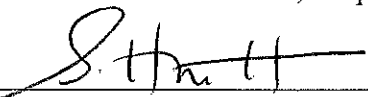
1. Provide executive leadership to support the development, implementation, evaluation, and sustainment of the Connecticut ATR Program;
2. Create opportunities for the substance abuse and other systems to coordinate complementary and comprehensive activities, as appropriate;

3. Plan and evaluate funding resources to sustain the Connecticut ATR Program service delivery enhancements after federal funds have expired;
4. Work actively to ensure that eligible individuals from the respective State Agencies and the Judicial Branch are referred to the ATR Program;
5. Assign State Agency and Judicial Branch staff that will meet on a regular basis to review progress, discuss referral numbers, and if applicable, resolve any obstacles that interfere with referrals;
6. Inform individuals with substance use disorders about the ATR Program using DMHAS marketing and informational material that DMHAS will provide the State Agencies and Judicial Branch; and
7. Allow mobile assessment staff approved by DMHAS to use available space within State Agency and Judicial Branch property to conduct assessment and referral services to ATR eligible individuals.


Provided that the Connecticut ATR Program is funded by CSAT, it shall become effective on the later of the last date it is executed by any of the parties or the date it is approved for funding, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended or repealed. This MOA replaces the one signed June of 2007 (DMHAS # 07MHA4026).

Modification/Termination: The parties may, by mutual consent, agree in writing to additional terms and conditions governing the development and implementation of this initiative. An individual party may terminate its participation by providing written notice of same, including the effective date of the termination of participation, to the remaining parties.

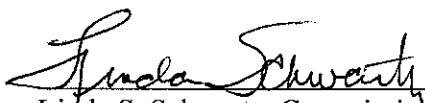
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals

  
 Susan I. Hamilton, Commissioner  
 Department of Children and Families

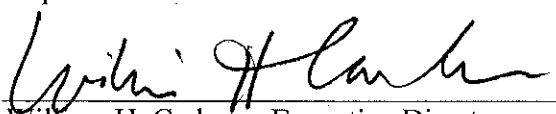
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 Carol Salsbury, Acting Deputy Commissioner  
 Department of Correction

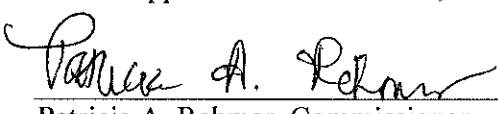
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 Linda S. Schwartz, Commissioner  
 Department of Veteran Affairs

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 William H. Carbone, Executive Director  
 Court Support Services Division, Judicial Branch

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 Patricia A. Rehmer, Commissioner  
 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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 Date